

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

Claims 48-69 have been cancelled without prejudice and new claims 70-91 have been added in lieu thereof. Newly presented claims 70-91 correspond to prior claims 48-69, respectively. The claims as now presented correct minor clerical errors in the previously presented claims, define the invention with additional clarity and are fully supported by the disclosure. The references in prior claim 49 to "acidic groups", "other carboxylic acid mimetics", "basic groups" and "other amine mimetics" do not appear in new claim 71. The table in prior claim 60 included reference to a compound wherein R3 was bis-pentyl. New claim 82 corresponds to prior claim 60 and includes that compound as a separate structure. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any deleted subject matter in a continuing application.

Should the Examiner find any issues to remain outstanding, she is urged to contact the undersigned by phone so that same can be resolved.

This application is submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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